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Dear Bill,

This letter verifies your reception of WPIT on 1/14/88 from 4:59 to 5:02 PM.

I am sorry to be so late in answering your letter. When I was an active DXer back in the 60's and 70's, I used to wonder why it took some stations so long to return their verifications. Now that I work at a radio station, I understand. We are a small station here, and that means that everyone does more than his share of work.

Let me answer your questions now. We run 5000 watts from sunrise to sunset, 225 watts from 6:00 AM to sunrise, and 24 watts from sunset to 10:00 PM. Our frequency as you state in your report is 730 kHz. Our antenna is a single self supporting tower about 325 feet tall. We are not actually affiliated with any networks, but we do carry programs from several different Christian networks, and we also carry the Metropolitan Opera on the Texaco Metropolitan Opera Radio Network on Saturdays from December through April each year. You can judge our general coverage area from the mail response map I am enclosing. Our studio is in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh, and our transmitter is about 3 miles north of our studio.

We do not get too many reception reports nowadays, probably due to the overcrowding on the bands. I would say about 1 every month or two. The most distant report I can recall seeing is one from Missouri, but I have been told that years ago we were heard in Scotland. I don't know if that's true or not, but it is definitely possible since I have heard about 100 Europeans here on the AM BC band, including some running about the same power as we do.

Good luck with your DXing. It's a very enjoyable hobby. As I said, I was active back in the 60's/70's and logged some 1900 stations on the AM band in all states except Alaska, about 70 countries, and all continents except Asia. 73.

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